



# MONROE THIS WEEK

August 7, 2015



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## Appointment Openings

*Ethics Board*  
*Planning Commission*  
*Salary Commission*

## Job Openings

*Accountant*  
*Customer Service Specialist*  
*Entry Level Police Officer*  
*Experienced Police Officer*  
*(Lateral)*

## Events this Week

- 8/7** *Free MOVIES*  
*under the Moon,*  
*Big Hero 6, Lk Tye*  
*Park, 8PM*
- 8/8** *Lk Tye Triathlon,*  
*8AM – 12PM*
- 8/11** *Lodging Tax*  
*Advisory Committee*
- 8/11** *City Council*  
*Meeting*
- 8/13** *Free MUSIC in the*  
*Park, Chance*  
*Mckinney (Country)*  
*Lk Tye Park,*  
*6:30PM*
- 8/14** *Free MOVIES*  
*under the Mond,*  
*Maleficent, Lk Tye*  
*Park, 8PM*

From the Office of Mayor Thomas

To highlight some of the things going on in our community, I am writing this weekly city update, "Monroe This Week." If you have any suggestions or questions regarding "Monroe This Week" or the stories below, please contact me at [GThomas@MonroeWa.gov](mailto:GThomas@MonroeWa.gov).

Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

## Be In The Know!

### Fryelands Blvd Closed Aug. 8th (Saturday)

Fryelands Boulevard will be closed on Saturday, August 8, 2015 for the Lake Tye Triathlon. The road will be closed to northbound traffic between Currie Road and Tye Street and to southbound traffic between Main Street and Tye Street. The closure will be in effect from 7 AM to Noon.

## Thank You!

### National Night Out Against Crime, 2015!

Thank you to the Monroe Rotary Club for organizing Monroe's National Night Out Against Crime, which drew an estimated 4,000 participants this year. This is an awesome annual event!!

## Fun Family Events!

### FREE! Music in the Park & Movies Under the Moon

For the month of August, Music in the Park moves from Fridays to Thursdays and Movies Under the Moon occurs on Fridays. Thank you to our event sponsors including the Monroe Chamber of Commerce for these weekly, free events at Lake Tye Park. For more information, check out [www.choosemonroe.com](http://www.choosemonroe.com).

## City Council Updates!

### City of Monroe Year to Date Comparisons

*The following are year to date  
comparisons of a few*

#### Sales Tax Revenues

'14 to 7/31/14: \$2,038,247

'15 to 7/31/15: \$2,255,167

**UP \$216,890 or 10.64%**

#### Real Estate Excise Tax

'14 to 7/31/14: \$226,021

'15 to 7/31/15: \$345,565

**UP \$119,544 or 52.89%**

#### Lodging Tax Revenues

'14 to 7/31/14: \$28,126

'15 to 7/31/15: \$29,285

**UP \$1,159 or 4.12%**

#### Business License Fees

'14 to 7/31/14: \$28,515

'15 to 7/31/15: \$28,414

**UP \$101 or 0.35%**

#### Building Permit Revenues

'14 to 7/31/14: \$116,819

'15 to 7/31/15: \$205,841

**UP \$89,022 or 76.20%**

#### Planning Fee Revenues

'14 to 7/31/14: \$17,140

'15 to 7/31/15: \$80,697

**UP \$63,557 or 370.81%**

#### New House Permits

'14 to 7/31/14: 8

'15 to 7/31/15: 39

**UP 31 units or 387%**

#### Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'14 to 7/31/14: 44 units

'15 to 7/31/15: 4 units

**DOWN 40 units or -91%**

#### Building Division Inspections

'14 to 7/31/14: 922

'15 to 7/31/15: 1,043

**UP 121 or 13.1%**

### Utility Rates being Discussed at Council

On Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, the Monroe City Council was presented with the proposed utility rates for 2016. The proposed rates not only look at the rates necessary to support the operations of the utilities but also look at how the rate structure is applied to different customer classes. Under the current proposal a single family account with average water usage would see a 4% increase in their City utility bill. The City Council will be discussing the proposed utility rates at the August 11th Council Meeting.

## Project Updates!

### Wales Street Park and Lake Tye Park Work is Completing

The resurfacing of the tennis courts and basketball courts at Lake Tye Park and Wales Street Park is nearing completion. The City has contracted with Combined Construction, Inc. to complete the \$34,848.00 Parks Capital Improvement project.

### Tjerne Place SE Extension

Contractor has mobilized onsite, installing the erosion control measures and beginning to clear the project area of trees and brush. Next week should see continued land clearing activity, as well as removing the existing rockeries adjacent to the Emerald City Athletic Club ahead of constructing new concrete retaining walls.

### Main Street Plaza Phase II

The pervious concrete is finished. The contractor will be focusing his efforts on installing the concrete pavers under the parking area, and putting back hardware, such as benches, planter pots and signage. Next week should see minor asphalt paving, punchlist items and site cleanup.